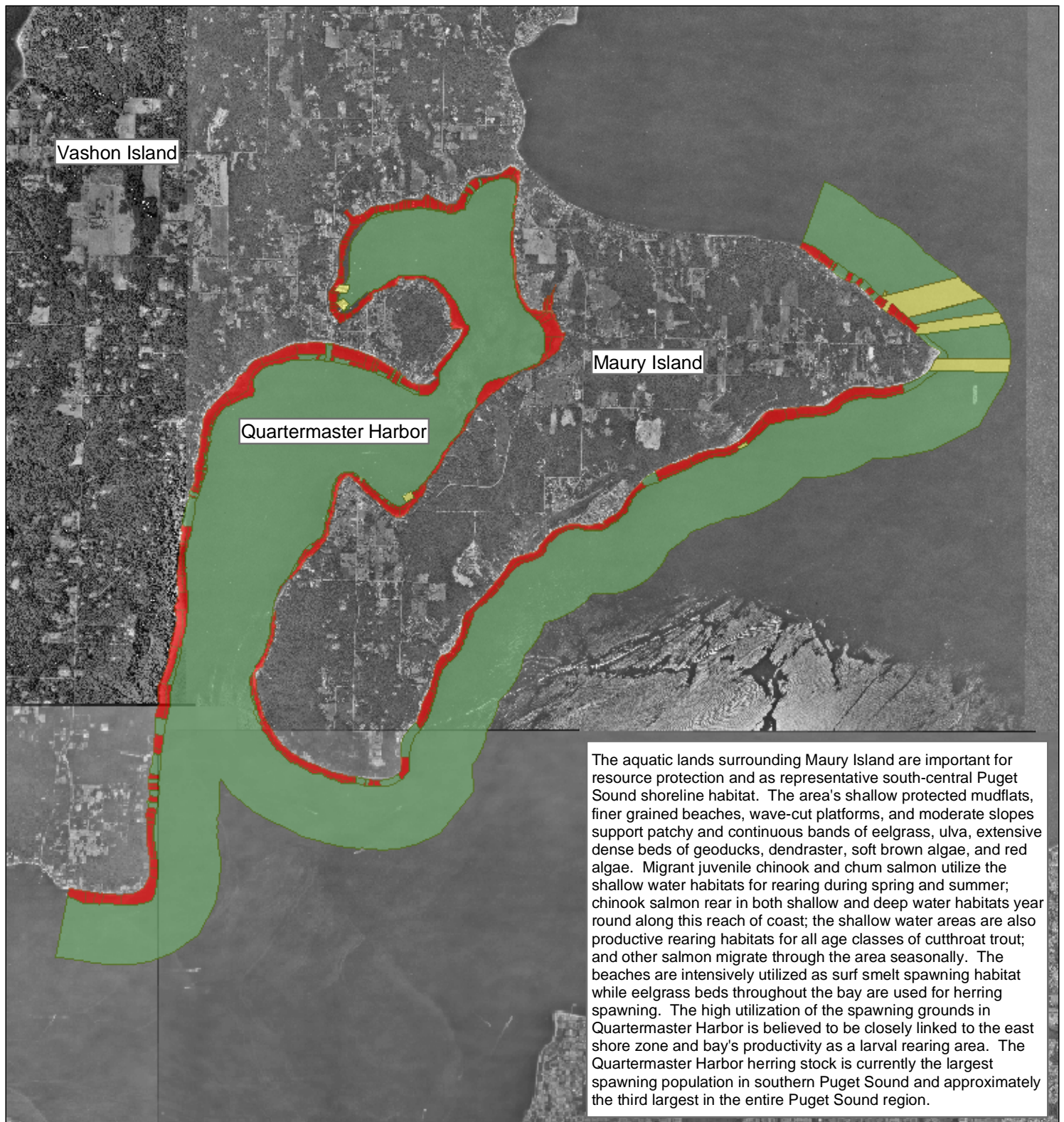


# Maury Island State Aquatic Reserve



The aquatic lands surrounding Maury Island are important for resource protection and as representative south-central Puget Sound shoreline habitat. The area's shallow protected mudflats, finer grained beaches, wave-cut platforms, and moderate slopes support patchy and continuous bands of eelgrass, ulva, extensive dense beds of geoducks, dendraster, soft brown algae, and red algae. Migrant juvenile chinook and chum salmon utilize the shallow water habitats for rearing during spring and summer; chinook salmon rear in both shallow and deep water habitats year round along this reach of coast; the shallow water areas are also productive rearing habitats for all age classes of cutthroat trout; and other salmon migrate through the area seasonally. The beaches are intensively utilized as surf smelt spawning habitat while eelgrass beds throughout the bay are used for herring spawning. The high utilization of the spawning grounds in Quatermaster Harbor is believed to be closely linked to the east shore zone and bay's productivity as a larval rearing area. The Quatermaster Harbor herring stock is currently the largest spawning population in southern Puget Sound and approximately the third largest in the entire Puget Sound region.



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